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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Jorge Tejada et al.  
Serial No. : 09/932,297  
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Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**REQUEST FOR A ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing an Appeal Brief to expire on December 25, 2003.

Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$730.00 to cover the fee for filing a one month extension of time, oral hearing and the appeal brief.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

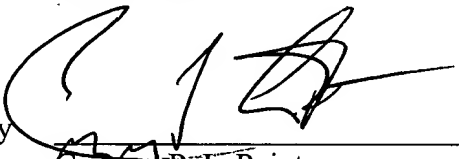
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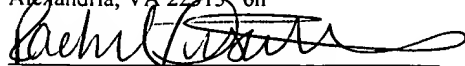
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